

HOUSE RESOLUTION 78  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Barbara Jane Thornburg for her honorable and astute service to the people of Millington through her improvements to the downtown area.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Jane Thornburg is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, since her extraordinary good fortune, winning 9.9 million dollars in a Mississippi casino, Ms. Thornburg has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburg is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, as a woman who has personally witnessed a loved one's decline into homelessness, Ms. Thornburg is working toward addressing the needs of the homeless through the regeneration of downtown Millington; and

WHEREAS, she has established the Good Works Foundation that will work toward developing viable businesses that can both support and be supported by those who have fallen on hard times, thereby giving those individuals opportunities for gainful employment and experience; and

WHEREAS, because of the Millington Crisis Center Ministry's advocacy for the less fortunate, the Ministry will assist the Good Works Foundation in identifying those who could ably

benefit from employment in future enterprises such as the Boutique on the Square and the C Street Café; and

WHEREAS, other improvements to Millington's downtown include a park and a twenty-four foot gazebo as well as a possible dance floor, which will together anchor the pedestrian and family-friendly square where Millingtonians may congregate and enjoy outdoor festivities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburg's remarkable compassion and dedication as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Ms. Thornburg is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband and their family; and

WHEREAS, Jane Thornburg is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Barbara Jane Thornburg, a woman of uncommon integrity and relentless vision, for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a supporter and philanthropist of Millington and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.